

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 5, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2016, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was giving by Commissioner Watkins.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan of the Dodge County Farmers Market reported there were eleven (11) vendors and sixty-six (66) visitors the previous Saturday and the market hosted the Santa Stroll walking event. She said next Saturday's events would include a cooking demonstration and vendors had asked to stay later to accommodate those in town for the Christmas parade. She handed out copies of the annual financial report and required bylaws to the board and said there had been many lessons learned by the farmer's market board, operating committee and the vendors. She presented a plaque to Mr. Papel and commended his valuable input and dedication to purpose and going above and beyond his duties as manager.

Charles Williams representing the Eastman-Dodge County Chamber of Commerce presented a check for forty dollars (\$40.00) to complete payment for the spec building rent.

Steve Harrison, Public Defender, said his office was requesting an increase of \$8,200 to hire additional personnel. There was discussion from the board and county manager as to whether Dodge County was paying more than their pro rata share of the expense for the Public Defender office.

Approval of Minutes

A. November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the November 21, 2016, regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Recreation Department Alcohol Free Zone

Dr. Chip Stringer, Chairman of the Eastman-Dodge County Recreation Department, told board members that the Recreation board had implemented a no alcohol policy since the February 2015 incident where the facilities were rented for a private party with a shooting incident. He said the board had become more active with the lease agreements and had rewritten the lease policy for private functions. He clarified that there was no alcohol allowed at day to day functions but it had been allowed for private functions on a case by case basis. Commissioner Niblett asked how much income was derived from alcohol related functions and Commissioner Watkins asked if a no alcohol policy for private functions would have an effect on rentals. Stringer replied yes and that all seven (7) board members had agreed on the rental policy.

B. Quit Claim Deed – Stuckey Timberland

Mike Harrell gave map copies to the board showing the location and deed information. He said the road had been gated and maintained for ten (10) years. County Attorney Harrington deemed the road abandoned and stated there was no evidence it was ever used as a public road. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to abandon the road and release the property to Stuckey Timberland. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist submitted for approval. Commissioner Niblett noted the invoice paid to Kaufmann Tire and asked if there had been checks with local companies for price comparisons. The county manager said that Kaufmann has a state contract and that counties could get that pricing. A motion to approve the payments was made by Commissioner Howell with the second from Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. Charles Patrick Sapp

Sapp handed out copies of property surveyed by Olin McLeod and owned by Dodge County in the Dubois area. He asked that the site be considered to maintain garbage collection in that part of the county. Chairman McCranie thanked Sapp for the information.

C. Brenda Parks – Building Permit Refund

The county manager told the board the matter had been settled.

D. Bob Braswell – Gresston Fire Department

Braswell made a request for the Gresston Fire Department to receive ten thousand dollars from SPLOST funds to complete their new fire station. He said the money was needed to purchase and install four (4) roll up doors and finishing materials for the inside of the building. He said once completed the station would be NFPA compliant. The county manager said that of the monies allocated from SPLOST funds to the Gresston Fire Department that six thousand dollars (\$6,000) had already been drawn leaving them only a balance of \$4,439. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the funds pending agreement from the other fire departments in the association to lend Gresston Fire Department the balance needed. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion allowing the county manager to work with the fire departments. All voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mitchell Fire Department

The county manager told the board that the Mitchell Fire Department had requested \$5,229.75 to equip a truck with lights, sirens, and other necessities. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the request seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

F. City of Eastman Annexation

The first request for annexation into the city limits was from Brian Giddens for property located at 131 Freeman Graham Boulevard near the Regional Youth Detention Center. The second request for annexation was from GLH Properties for a 9.64 acre tract across from Wal-Mart. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant both requests. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded his motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.